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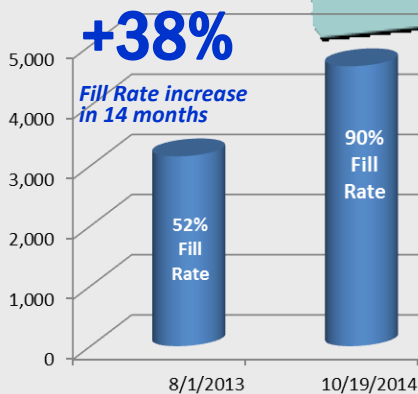
California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR), Division of Rehabilitative Programs (DRP)
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DRP's Parolee Programs Achieve

90%
Enrollment Rate

**Northern
California
85%**
Enrollment Rate

**Southern California
95%**
Enrollment Rate



Source: Parolee Program Wkly Pop. Report 10/26/14

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LTOPP Graduates to Self-Awareness

The Long Term Offender Pilot Program (LTOPP) at California State Prison, Solano held a graduation for 72 inmates who successfully completed the Victim Impact course on October 21, 2014. Victim Impact is one of five courses available to LTOPP participants; the others are Substance Abuse Treatment, Anger Management, Criminal Thinking, and Family Relationships. All programs are designed to provide cognitive behavioral treatment to long-term and life-term inmates. Correctional Counselor III Kimberly Chu was Master of Ceremonies, and DRP's Captain Michael Mott encouraged the audience to take advantage of the programming.

Unique to LTOPP is the 12:1 Participant-to-Treatment Counselor ratio, which emphasizes group discussion and activities over classroom instruction. Inmates from each of the Victim Impact course's six breakout teams presented insights gained from the program. Inmate Hancock shared how LTOPP offered the potential to grow, and the ability to deal with the outside world where change is the norm. Inmate Darling shared the importance of creating positive ripples in life, as opposed to negative ripples. Inmate Gauge spoke of the importance of giving back, since the victim is no longer able to do so. Inmate Ward advised the inmates to "never lose the capacity to feel the impact of actions on other human beings". All representatives shared the importance of self-understanding to make amends, and their commitment to address their victims' loss.



Inmate Hancock apologizes to Teresa Courtemanche (seated) and other victims during LTOPP ceremony

Today!

Restoring Bicycles ...and Lives

A collaborative effort between Butte County Sheriff's Office (BCSO), Butte County Office of Education (BCOE) and CDCR has resulted in a bike repair program called Restoration Cycles. The program teaches people on probation, and parolees how to repair bikes that would have otherwise been turned into scrap metal.

Restoration Cycles will be restoring bikes for the upcoming BCSO Christmas Bike Giveaway. Low income children from Butte County will be able to choose a free bike, and they will also receive a free helmet. The 2014 giveaway will happen on Tuesday, December 23, from 10:00-11:30 a.m. at the Oroville Municipal Auditorium, 1200 Myers Street, Oroville, CA 95965. Admission and parking are free.

BCOE operates Day Reporting Centers for DRP in Butte and Tehama counties. CDCR also contracts with BCOE to provide co-located parolee reintegration services in the Butte County Sheriff's complex in Oroville.

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LTOPP (cont'd from column 2):

Guest speaker Teresa Courtemanche riveted the audience with her poignant description of life after the loss of her son, slain Fairfield City Councilman Matt Garcia. Ms. Courtemanche's insights prompted numerous inmates to apologize to her for her loss; others offered inmate supplied items to benefit domestic violence and sexual assault counseling services available at Safe Quest Solano.

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**The right inmate in
the right program
at the right time:**

Academic Education

Increases inmate reading levels to minimum 9th grade level and achieve a GED or high school diploma. Access to college courses also available

California Identification Card

Assists in obtaining state-issued I.D. cards used to secure employment, housing, bank accounts, travel, and more

Career Technical Education

Prepares inmates for viable vocational career paths upon release by training to industry certification levels

Cognitive Behavioral Treatment

Provides evidence-based treatment for Substance Abuse, Anger Management, Family Relationships and Criminal Thinking

Long Term Offender Program

Provides evidenced-based treatment programming in criminogenic behavior to inmates serving long-term sentences

Offender Mentor Certification

Trains and certifies long-term inmates as interns to assist as mentors in various substance abuse treatment programs

Pre-Employment Transition

Provides job readiness skills including job search, resume, interviewing, financial skills, access to career centers

Reentry Hub

Provides relevant training and services to eligible and interested inmates within 4 years of release

Step-Down Program

Provides alternatives to criminal gang lifestyle to reduce confinement in Security Housing Units (SHU)

Substance Abuse Treatment

Promotes positive social behavior and help inmates develop knowledge and skills necessary to avoid substance use relapse and successfully reintegrate back into the community, through [single](#) and [multi-level](#) substance abuse treatment programs

Pelican Bay Inmates Earn Degrees



Dr. Joan Parkin, Feather River Community College, Inmate Santa Cruz, Warden C.E. Ducart, Inmate Conner, and PBSP Principal Valarie Anderson

On October 7, 2014, Tsunami Adult School at Pelican Bay State Prison (PBSP) held a Graduation Ceremony. Four inmates earned their Associate of Arts (A.A.) degree and one inmate earned his High School Diploma. They were presented their certificates in front of facilitators, co-leaders, guests, and staff.

Two of the graduates are housed in PBSP's Security Housing Unit (SHU). Inmate Conner, profiled in [Rehabilitation Today! September 2013 issue](#), earned his second A.A. degree, focusing on courses that will enable him to transfer to a 4-year college to earn a bachelor's degree in Business Administration. Inmate Santa Cruz earned his A.A. in Liberal Arts-Art and Humanities from [Coastline Community College](#).

The other three graduates are housed in PBSP's General Population Facilities. Two inmates earned A.A. degrees in Social & Behavioral Studies from [Feather River Community College](#).

All courses are completed through correspondence with a college instructor or professor. The SHU graduates studied the coursework in their own cells. Feather River and Coastline Community College teachers provided feedback and distance-learning tutoring, and Tsunami Adult School instructors proctored examinations.

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Cross-Training Begins at CAC

California City Correctional Center (CAC) completed their initial cross-training session between institution staff and substance abuse treatment program providers on October 28-30, 2014. The course is provided by the [University of California at San Diego \(UCSD\) Center for Criminality and Addiction Research, Training and Application](#) to encourage mutual understanding of roles and objectives by provider and correctional staff. The interactive training focuses on building trust through open lines of communication and strengthening working relationships to achieve better outcomes. More than 30 employees and program providers participated in sessions for better understanding of the correctional and community benefits of in-custody treatments, providing effect outcomes, and collaborating to solve scenarios.

UCSD's Project Coordinator Norman Jackson, complimented CAC's Correctional Counselor III Stephanie Lacy for her coordination of this initial course, "(Lacy) was professional and very thorough in her approach toward coordinating the cross training and leveraging community resources. I would recommend that if other CCIIIs need support on how to get their trainings off to a successful start, they consult with CCIII Lacy."

UCSD also stated that employees who have a professional certification and successfully complete the course will receive 6 college credits at no additional cost. Cross-training sessions are scheduled for select adult institutions through March 2015.

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Mary Thomas, CAC PSA, and Stephanie Lacy, CAC CCIII, during the Cross Training session.

DRP funds a growing network of focused evidence-based Community and Reentry Services throughout California to help offenders transform their lives and successfully reintegrate into society:

Computer Literacy Learning Centers (CLLC):

Offer computer-based courses provided by certified instructors for basic reading, writing and math

Day Reporting Centers (DRC) and Community Based Coalition (CBC):

Address parolee's needs through assessment and placement in classes and support services. "One stop shop" education, life skills, financial and employment training, substance abuse and counseling in setting. Some transition housing available.

Female Offender Treatment and Employment Program (FOTEP):

Provides gender-responsive residential treatment services for women and their children

Parolee Service Centers (PSC):

Provide group and family reunification, life, employment skills in residential program

Residential Multi-Service Centers (RMSC):

Helps at-risk parolees transition back into the community with housing, substance abuse treatment and independent living skills

Specialized Treatment for Optimized Programming (STOP):

Provides comprehensive residential and outpatient programs and services supporting parolees needs for housing, substance abuse treatment, cognitive behavioral intervention, employment, education, family relations and community referrals

Substance Abuse Treatment and Recovery Program (STAR):

Provides substance abuse treatment education by certified instructors in select parole offices



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REHABILITATIVE ADVANCEMENT



Rehabilitative Advancement teams, composed of multiple CDCR divisions and supplier partners, are furiously working to develop and implement several projects helping inmates access more information and achieve milestone credits.

Center Point Welcomes STOP and ARMS



Left to Right, Top Row: Jeff Hammond, DRP; Len Gray, DRP; Steve Jackson, Thaine Taylor and Chris Pedrazza, Center Point; Bottom: Marc Hering, Center Point; Esther Vicente, DRP; Christopher Shelton, SSG; Chis Caire, DRP, and Glenn Bizewski, SSG. Not Pictured: Leon Casaubon; DRP.

CDCR Community and Reentry Services partner **Center Point** and DRP's Performance Evaluation, Data and Fidelity team members, along with systems provider **Social Solutions Global, Inc. (SSG)**, presented the new **Automated Reentry Management System (ARMS)** to potential **Specialized Treatment for Optimized Programming (STOP)** providers on Wednesday, Nov. 6 at Center Point's facility in San Rafael, California. More than 35 partner representatives from the San Francisco Bay Area received an overview of the ARMS system from ARMS Solution Architect Leon Casaubon. Mr. Casaubon prefaced his comments with a well-received salute to providers "who provide successful reintegration into the community, one parolee at a time."

ARMS' potential to provide real-time, comprehensive and consistent information to service providers was received by attendees as a solution to help them deliver meaningful program solutions and desired outcomes. ARMS features

and benefits were shared from an 'insider's perspective' – Center Point's Program Director Steve Jackson and Assistant Program Manager Chris Pedrazza have been involved as Subject Matter Experts in the development of the ARMS system during the past 18 months. Attendees were also impressed with ARMS' ease of access and capability to streamline the program process, from enrollment into services through the tracking of client progress and program performance.

Center Point also presented STOP program parameters to providers of outpatient, residential and sober living environments for the prior **Substance Abuse Services Coordination Agency (SASCA)**. Center Point Vice President Marc Hering and DRP's Community and Reentry Services STOP Unit Manager, Esther Vicente contributed numerous points of clarification to provider questions.

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East Bay District Job & Resource Fair Photo Captions:

A Eartha Carroll Taylor, Employment Development Department – Oakland Career Center and Center Point Job Developer Anthony Eldridge reviewing parolee Jeffrey Evans' resume at Job and Resource Fair.

B Crowds at Job and Resource Fair.

C DAPO Northern California Chief Deputy Administrator Dwayne Cooks, Swords to Plowshares Program Manager Norman Thomas, Eden Youth and Family Center Outreach Team Manager Javier Jimenez, East Bay District Administrator Teddy Pacheco, Oakland Unite's Kevin Grant (kneeling), and DRP Community and Reentry Services' William Christie.

D City of Oakland Human Services' Dan Simmons, Contra Costa County Office of Education Transition Specialist (Northern California Region) Aster Tadesse, City of Oakland Human Services' Sara Serin-Christ, and DAPO Parole Agent II Roy Weichold.



E Health Right 360 Participants Camarin Sanford and Amy Gordon

Steps to Success: East Bay District Job & Resource Fair

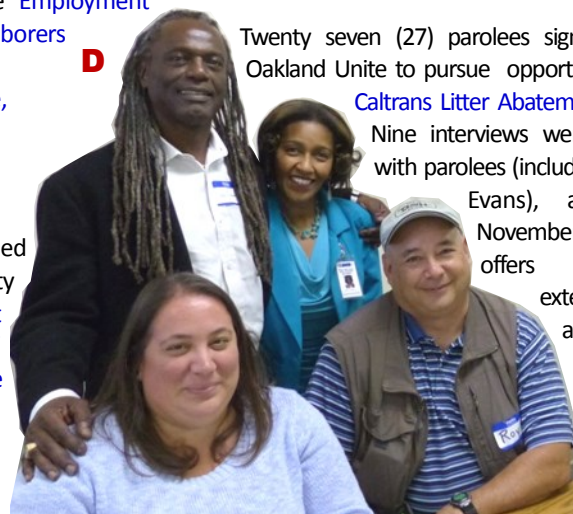
Jeffrey Evans was on a mission at the East Bay Parole Job and Resource Fair. Jeffrey had heard about a job opening and wanted to brush up on his presentation skills. Anthony Eldridge, [Center Point](#) Job Developer, reviewed his resume and suggested ways to make a good impression in an interview.



Jeffrey was one of hundreds of men and women discussing employment, educational and available services at the [Division of Adult Parole Operations \(DAPO\)](#) East Bay District's Oakland Parole Office Job and Resource Fair, held on Wednesday, October 29, 2014 in cooperation with the [Contra Costa County Office of Education \(CCCCOE\)](#).

Education partners included [Project Rebound \(San Francisco State University\)](#), Berkeley Adult School, St. Vincent de Paul, [College of Alameda—Open Gate](#), and Merritt College. Reentry employment providers included the [Employment Development Department](#), [Laborers Training and Retraining Trust Fund for Northern California](#), Oakland Unite, Oakland Private Industry Council, [Rubicon Programs](#), [Volunteers of America](#) and Express Employment.

Participating CDCR providers included Center for Employment Opportunity ([Golden State Works](#)), [Health Right 360](#), Center Point, and the [County of Alameda Superior Court's Parole Re-entry Court Program](#).



We are very pleased with our first job and resource fair to help parolees enhance their transitions and employment opportunities. I salute those community organizations, employers and service providers who are creating a safe and productive network for these individuals to successfully reintegrate into the East Bay community.

Dwayne Cooks, Chief Deputy Administrator, Northern California District, DAPO



Participants visited with representatives from [Covered California Medi-CAL insurance coverage](#), tattoo removal, veteran's services, mental health and substance abuse treatment services, and FOTEP housing services.



Event speakers included Oakland Unite's Dan Simmons and Kevin Grant, both of whom shared their extensive expertise as ex-offenders working in street outreach and violence prevention among at-risk youth and young adults; Eleanor Zachary Catchfield from the House of Integrity Sober Living shared options for parolees. Carey Buchanan, CCCOE Administrator, was delighted with the turnout and response from both parolees and providers.

Twenty seven (27) parolees signed up with Oakland Unite to pursue opportunities in the [Caltrans Litter Abatement Program](#).

Nine interviews were scheduled with parolees (including Jeffrey Evans), and as of November 7, three job offers had been extended to fair attendees.